(d) whether action has been taken against the persons responsible for construction of these flats;

(e) if so, the details of such employees of DDA and the nature of action taken; and

(f) what are the measures taken to ensure the non-recurrence of such defects?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Out of the 60,000 houses at present under construction by DDA and about 20,000 houses completed during 1983-84 and 1984-85 about 7500 houses in respect of 28 schemes were found to have serious defects as per inspection by the Vaish Committee and Chief Engineer (Quality Control), DDA.

(b) The major defects observed are weak concrete, weak mortar, out of plumbers, inadequate bonding at corners etc. In addition 468 houses were also found to have inadequate foundations.

(c) The defects as and when noticed/pointed out are got rectified to the extent practicable and/or reduction in rate payable to contractor is made.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Since the year 1981 disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against 29 Executive Engineers, 39 Assistant Engineers and 45 Junior Engineers. During this period 20 engineering officials have been placed under suspension for sub-standard construction.

(f) The DDA have informed that they have taken several administrative measures. The important administrative measures taken are as follows:—

(i) Strengthening of their quality control wing;

(ii) Rationalization of work load, systematic survey and rectification of defects, implementation of strengthening measures, streamlining inspection procedure for ensuring strict supervisory discipline, maintenance of proper register at the site of work regarding testing of materials and instructions of the senior officers etc. during inspections carried out by them.

(iii) Issuance of the structural designs of all major projects by the Central design zone headed by the Chief Engineer (Design).

(iv) Constitution of a Committee consisting of the concerned Chief Engineers, Chief Architect and Chief Engineer (Design) to examine all major architectural and structural design aspects.

(v) Action for improving the standard of materials, intensive control and checks.

(vi) Issuance of instruction that all important material like cement, steel, bitumen, pipes etc. should be procured by DDA directly from reputed firms and supplied to the contractors departmentally.

Foodgrains damaged due to poor storage

473. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of foodgrains procured this year;

(b) what arrangements have been made for the safe storage of the foodgrains procured;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the past, every year a large quantity of foodgrains was damaged by rains due to poor storage; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) A quantity of 20.27 million tonnes of foodgrains was procured from 1984-85 crop upto 19-7-1985.

(b) Foodgrains are kept in covered storage capacity available with the Food

Corporation of India and State agencies, to the extent possible. The balance stock of foodgrains is kept in open storage under polythene covers. Adequate precautions are taken to protect these stocks against losses.

(c) and (d) Certain quantities of foodgrains do get damaged for want of covered storage space. However, separate figures for stocks damaged by rains for want of proper storage facilities are not available.

Capacity of Government of India Presses

474. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ. Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity of the Government of India Presses is less than the requirements:

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to increase the capacity of these Presses: and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a press in Delhi for Parliamentary Publications?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Worn out and obsolete machinery is being replaced by high yielding machines in a phased manner. Some proposals for the expansion/setting up of new presses to increase the capacity have been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(c) The existing Minto Road Press is being modernised for Parliamentary Publications.

Proposal to remove the ceiling of income in respect of bonus

475. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to remove the ceiling of income in respect of bonus;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by when it is proposed to make necessary amendments in the Bonus Act to this effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) At present there is no proposal to amend the payment of bonus act for the purpose.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Scheme of Workers' Participation in Management

476. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being contemplated by Government for introducing the scheme of Workers' participation or investment in the management both in the public and private sectors; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) The Government have already notified a Scheme for Employees' Participation in Management vide its Resolution No. L. 56011-1-83) Desk I (B) dated the 30th December, 1983. The Scheme is applicable to all Central Public Sector Undertakings. The State Governments have also been requested to introduce the Scheme in their own Public Sector Undertakings and also to encourage the Private Sector to implement the Scheme.

Details of the Scheme of Stock Options for employees are being worked out and will be announced as soon as these are finalised.